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AND/OR COMMON	Day House			
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•	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
OWNER OF	PROPERTY			
NAME	Richard P. Stahl,	A. I. A.	,	
STREET & NUMBER	1665 East Delmar			
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COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, E	^{τc.} Office of Record e	er of Deeds, Greene C	ounty Courthouse	
STREET & NUMBER	940 Boonville			
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five-bay, two story, "L" plan, brick house, with its mansard roof and triple dormers is a departure from the style of other residences contemporary with it in Springfield. At present the building has six rooms and two baths on the first floor and two rooms on the second, but shows evidence of a number of changes. Apparently the original plan called for two rooms on the first floor and two on the second, with a central hall and stairway. This part of the building has its own rubble stone foundation without a basement. Both first floor rooms are the same size and each has a fireplace. The two second floor rooms are equal in size and were sleeping rooms.

Apparently rooms 2 and 8 (refer to floor plans) were added before construction of the first section was entirely completed or shortly thereafter, for no construction joint appears where the two sections meet. Rooms 2 and 8 were separated by a porch which occupied the space where rooms 3, 4 and 9 are now located. There is a basement or cellar under room 2 reached by an outside stairway covered with a pair of doors. The cellar under room 8 is reached by a stairway to which access is gained through a trap door in the floor of room 5. Rooms 2 and 8 each have a fireplace. It appears that the four fireplaces on the first floor were originally the only sources for winter heat.

Room 6 was the original kitchen, built separately from the residence. This idea, often used in southern Missouri and the other southern states, eliminated kitchen heat from the house in summer, and provided a measure of protection for the residence in case the kitchen caught fire. Enclosing the porch connecting the kitchen and the main structure resulted in room 7. The closets in rooms A and C are much later additions, as are the two bathrooms, 7 and 9. In all probability an outside latrine was used until sanitary sewer service was available.

Interior Design: The ceiling heights of rooms 1 and 10 are 12' - 0"; of rooms 2 and 8, 8' - 6", rooms A and C 8' - 1/2". By current standards the interior trim is very heavy. The fireplaces have wood mantels, the firebox openings have cast iron trim and facings and were intended to burn coal. The original gas fixtures have been replaced with electric fixtures. In the center of rooms 1 and 10 the ceilings have large plaster rosettes of complicated design from which the lighting fixtures were suspended. The stairway to the second floor has a balustrade with a heavy, wide handrail. The balustrade terminates on the first floor with an ornate turned newel. The window glass is nineteenth century cylinder glass containing imperfections.

Exterior Design: The house shows evidence of French influence in the mansard roof which covers the second story section. This roof, covered with shingles, curves slightly upward as it nears the bracketed cornice. The west (front) elevation has three dormers, the east, two. The exterior trim of the dormer windows features a stepped-out design at the sills, and molded cornices above the windows. The windows of rooms 1 and 10 have stone sills and stone peaked lintels. Rooms 2 and 8 have one oculus window each in their western exterior walls which jut out slightly beyond rooms 1 and 10. The other windows in the building have wood sills, probably of white

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pine (Northern White Pine) and brick segmental arches spanning each opening. The front porch, main cornice and exterior trim are also of wood, worked with power machine

The walls are solid brick, probably from Day's own kilns. The bricks vary in length from 7 3/4" to 8 1/4", in width from 3 3/4" to 4" and in height from 2 3/16" to 2 3/8"; and are laid in running bond at the fairly uniform rate of 4 courses plus 4 joi equals 11". As there is little variation in color, the variation in size is probably not due to each brick's position in the kiln.

The rubble stone foundation is covered on the exterior with stucco which is scored to represent cut stone. The front porch and steps are concrete.

The nearly vertical slopes of the mansard and the kitchen are wood shingled, the other roof surfaces are covered with standing seam sheet metal.

In general, the building is well constructed, shows careful workmanship and good materi The present owner is renovating the building, adapting the interior to office use and preserving the essential character of the original exterior design.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Day House, apart from its survival for 100 years, lies in its architectural interest and its association with a Springfield businessman and local politician, George Sale Day.

George Sale Day was a mason and brick maker. Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on December 25, 1826, he came to Springfield from St. Louis in 1871 and bought the Hudson Brickyard and Kilns. On May 17, 1875, he bought the lot on South Street upon which the Day House stands from Morris Mitchell. The house was finished by the fall of 1875. It is one of the oldest brick residences in the city.

Built on a central hall plan, with chimneys integrated into the exterior walls, the house is capped with a mansard roof. As Day was both a brick maker and a mason, his house was an advertisement for his business. Its present owner, Richard P. Stahl, A. I. A., says "nowhere else in the city is there a better example of immediate post-civil war residential architecture."

In the year following the completion of the house, George S. Day was elected to the Springfield City Council. He served two terms, and in 1882 was elected mayor of Springfield. During his term the city was growing rapidly. Grant and Mt. Vernon Streets were extended, the offices of City Engineer and Street Commissioner were consolidated, and a new water works was opened. At the end of the year he left a surplus in the city treasury, but Mayor Day and all other Republicans in city government were turned out at the elections in 1883 in the aftermath of a controversy over the location of the colored school. This brief career apparently satisfied Day's taste for political office, for he never sought election again. He continued as a brick maker until 1889, but also became a partner in a grocery store in the M. M. McCluer addition on West Walnut in partnership with William E. Birch.

As a builder, Day had "contracts on many of the best buildings in the city." From the amount of preperty disposed of in his will, one would say that the firm of Birch and Day also prospered.

The Day House had been deeded by George S. Day to his wife, Theresa, in 1877. Their daughter, Laura, married S. M. Godby. She died in 1880, and upon the death of Theresa Day in 1882 title to the house passed to her grandchildren. In 1907

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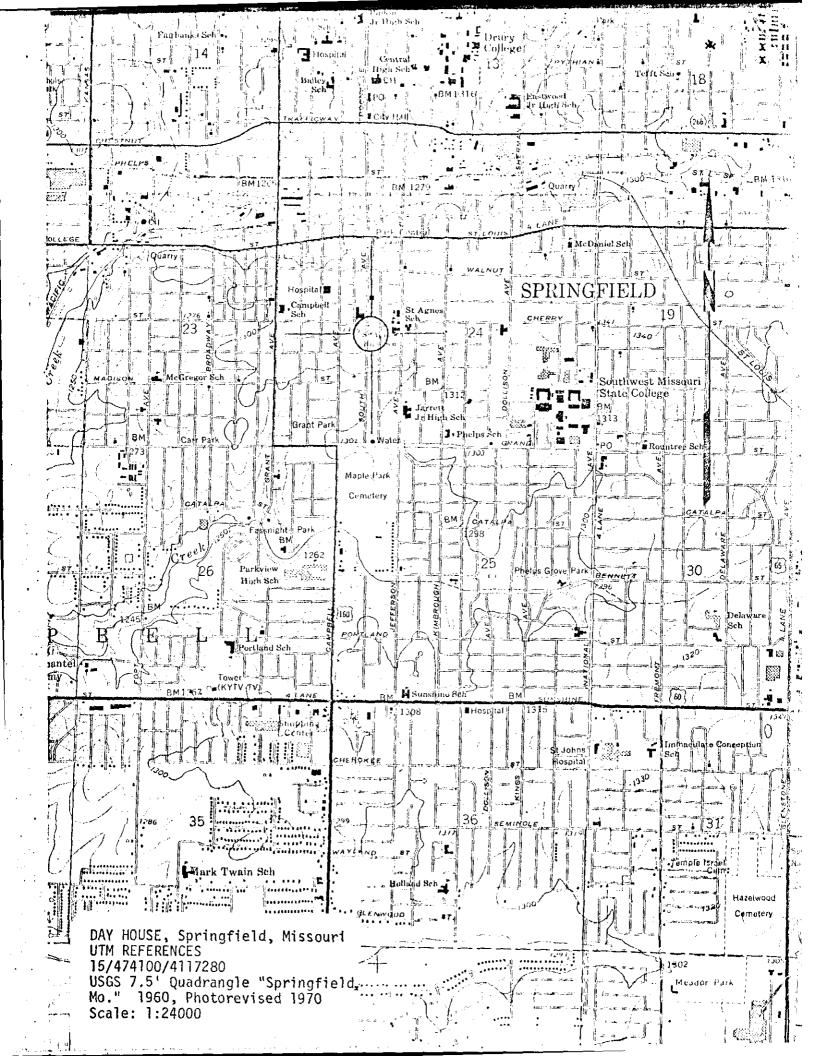
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Milton A. McCluer, a nephew of M. M. McCluer, bought the property from the heirs, and the Day House remained in the hands of the McCluer family until 1934. Its present owner, Richard P. Stahl, uses it as the offices of his architectural firm. Mr. Stahl is proud of the historic associations of the property, and is in the process of restoring its outward appearance to its original state.

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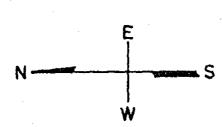
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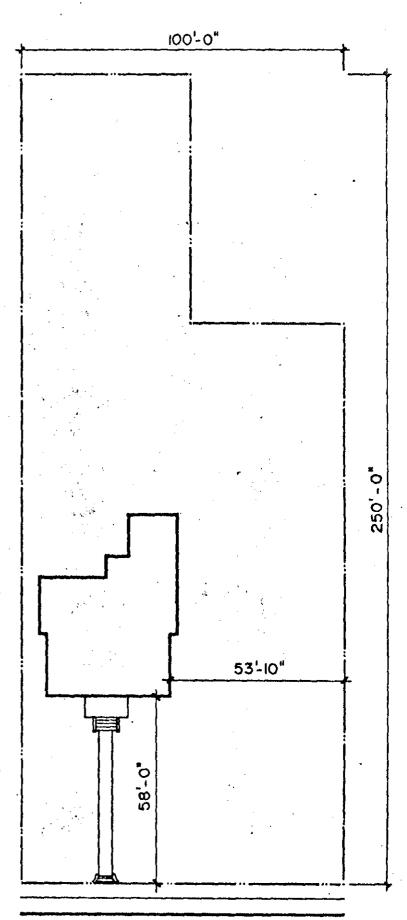


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"THE DAY HOUSE"
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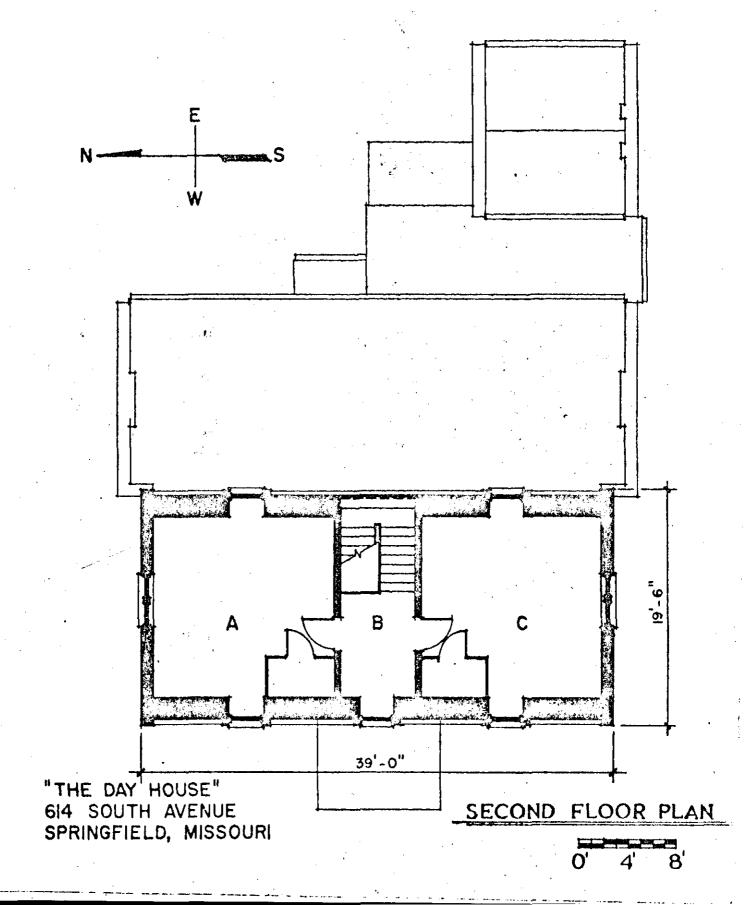
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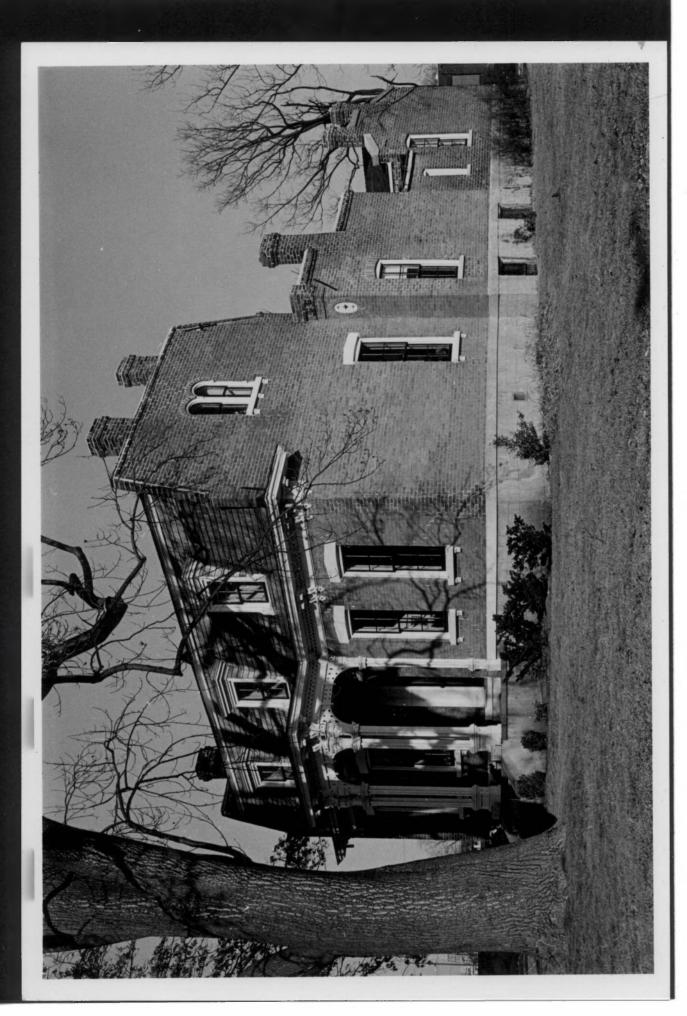
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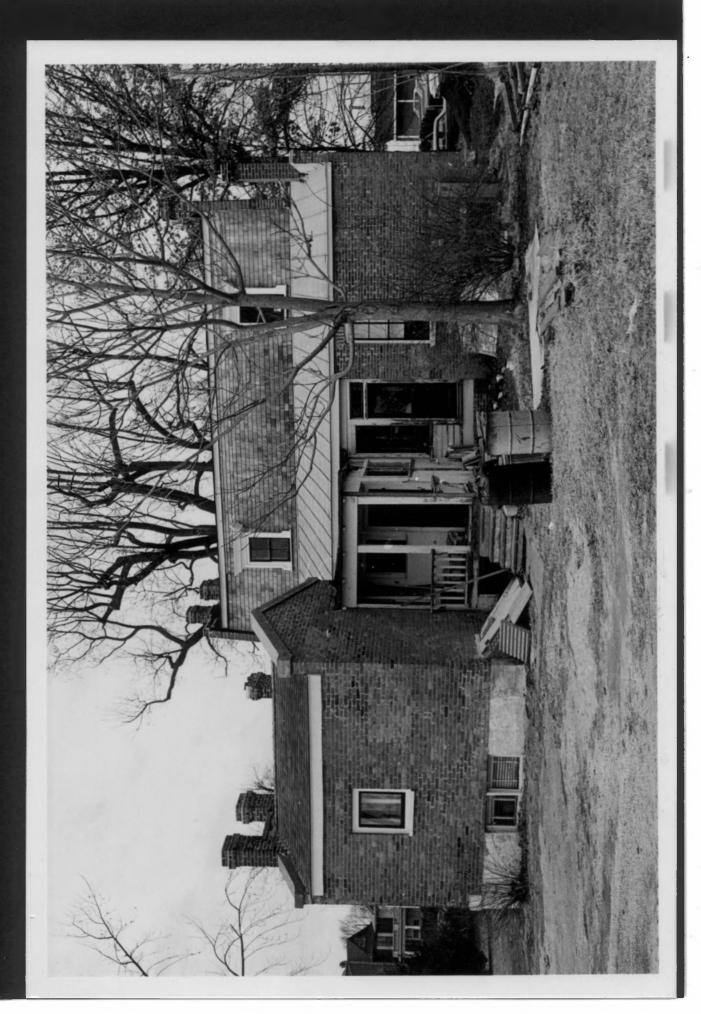
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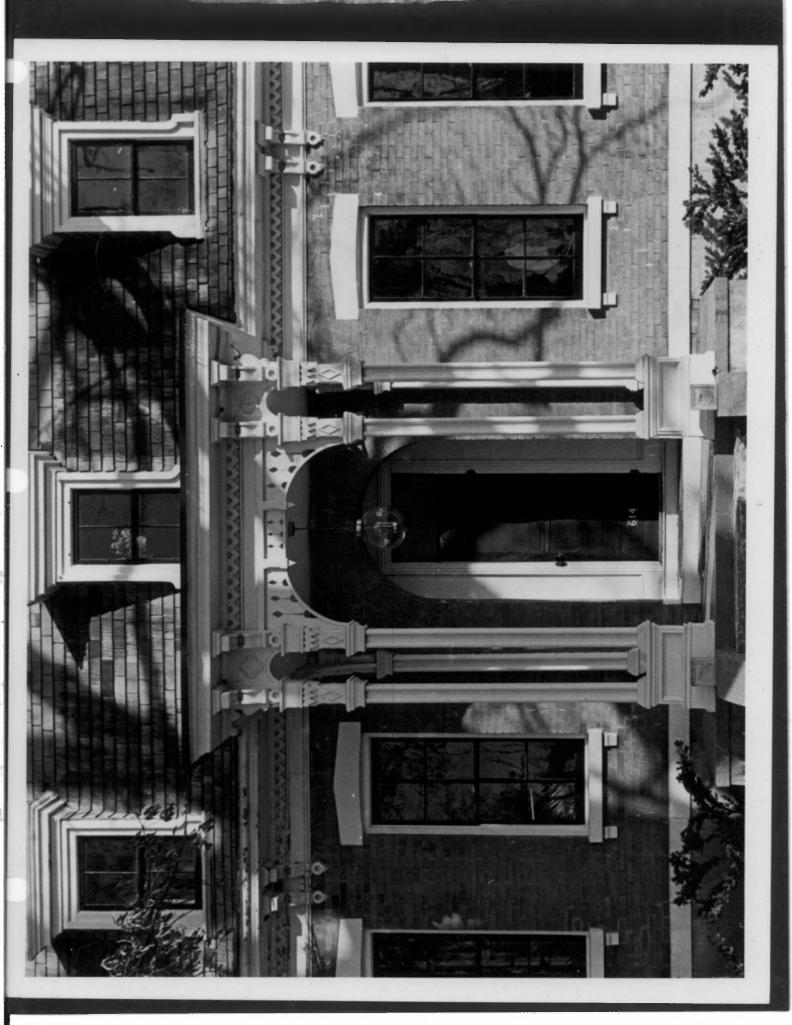
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Interior view of the central hall and stairway from just inside

